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TOPIC Soviet Clothing Depot at Bernau

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REMARKS

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25X1A 1. On 1 August 1951, [REDACTED] the German work force at the Soviet clothing depot Bernau had increased about 300 percent during the preceding months. The German personnel numbered 236; 158 were employed in the tailor shops; 44 in the shoemaker shops; 18 in the laundry; 26 in the locksmith shop, carpentry, painting shop; and 40 in the storehouse and in the yard. On 3 September, the strength of the German personnel had further increased to 348 persons, of whom 204 were working in the tailor shops. *

2. Incoming Shipments.

28 July Two carloads of boxes, about 1 meter high, which were probably unloaded the following day by the Soviet escort.

4 August Three carloads of boxes similar to those seen on 28 July. According to workers, the boxes contained woollen goods from Czechoslovakia. *

13 August Three carloads of large boxes with Russian inscriptions. *

27 August Four trucks, [REDACTED] with semi-finished leather articles. ** 25X1C

1 September Four carloads with large wooden boxes.

3 September Three trucks with wooden sticks and handles.

8 September Five railroad carloads of large boxes with Russian inscriptions.

3. Outgoing Shipments.

31 July Four trucks, [REDACTED] with uniforms, driven by soldiers with tank insignia. ** 25X1C

3 August Three trucks, [REDACTED] with articles of clothing in boxes and tarpaulins. The trucks left toward Eberswalde, driven by air force soldiers. 25X1C

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4 August Seven trucks, [REDACTED] with articles of clothing and linen for Eberswalde. 25X1C

7 August Five trucks, [REDACTED] with boots for an unidentified destination. 25X1C

13 August Four trucks, [REDACTED] with overcoats, driven by air force soldiers. 25X1C

16 August Three trucks with boxes.

18 August Six trucks, [REDACTED] driven by soldiers, some of whom wore artillery insignia. 25X1C

24 August 12 trucks, [REDACTED], with articles of clothing and leather articles. Some of the drivers wore tank insignia. 25X1C

25 August 7 trucks, [REDACTED] with undetermined cargo to an unknown destination. 25X1C

27 August 3 trucks, [REDACTED], with overcoats, driven by soldiers with tank insignia. 25X1C

25X1C 29 August 12 trucks, [REDACTED], with overcoats, trousers and leather clothing, driven by air force and army soldiers. The trucks allegedly left for Sachsenhausen.

25X1C 30 August 12 trucks, [REDACTED] with overcoats, trousers and leather clothing, allegedly for Sachsenhausen. The convoy was headed by sedan [REDACTED] which was occupied by three air force officers. ** 25X1C

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. The information confirms the large clothing depot of the GOFG in Bernau. [REDACTED] and sketch attached to it. 25X1A

The depot is in the former German Army clothing depot, Bernau, and is divided into main depot No I and branch depot No II. The depots serve Soviet troops and also deliver finished goods, i.e. articles of clothing and underwear, to the U.S.S.R. Raw material and semi-finished goods were delivered to the depot from the U.S.S.R., Czechoslovakia and the Soviet Zone of Germany. The rehiring of German workers proves that the program of discharging German personnel and replacing them by Soviet personnel did not affect all branches of supply of the Soviet Army but only those which have to observe strict security and protection against sabotage.

25X1A ** [REDACTED] Comment. The motor vehicles belong to the GOFG, the air force, the 6th Gds Mecz Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army and to headquarters units.

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